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In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the Housing Authority is required to complete an Annual Plan that identifies program goals, major policies, and financial resources for both the Conventional Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant-Based Programs.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has clarified federal regulations that now require changes to the Annual Plan presented on today's agenda. In addition, as a result of the public comments received by three Community-Based Organizations, the Housing Authority has revised its admission policy, also affecting the Annual Plan.

In the Annual Plan Board Letter, the Housing Authority proposed to establish a set-aside for the Section 8 Mainstream Program to subsidize up to 50 existing families with disabilities. In 1998 the Housing Authority was awarded a Mainstream Program grant for 100 units with an obligation of five years, which expired in 2003. However, HUD is now requiring that the Housing Authority continuously provide rental assistance

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for up to 100 Mainstream Program participants. Therefore, it is no longer necessary for the Housing Authority to establish a set-aside for the Mainstream Program.

Currently the Housing Authority's admission policy for the Section 8 Program denies admission if applicants or household members have not completed parole or probation, but is silent regarding the reason for parole or probation. To better accommodate homeless clients on parole or probation, the Housing Authority has modified the policy to allow minor offenses. Applicants on parole or probation exclusively for minor offenses, examples of which include trespassing, shoplifting, or driving without a license, would not be denied admission for that reason.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors instruct the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to amend the current Annual Plan to exclude the set-aside for up to 50 existing Mainstream Program participants and to include exceptions to the Section 8 admission policy for applicants on parole or probation exclusively for minor offenses.

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